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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Kenji Sano, et al.

Application No.: 09/835,296

Filed: April 12, 2001

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
DISTRIBUTING PROGRAM  
INFORMATION AND TERMINAL  
AND DEVICE RELATING TO THE  
SAME

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 2643

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, lines 11-12, please amend the paragraph as follows:

This application is related to and claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-154362, filed on May 22, 2000.

**REMARKS**

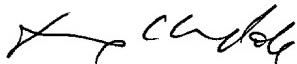
The specification has been amended to correct informalities. No new matter has been introduced.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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